

# District welcomes 89 new staff

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As the 2004/05 school year is about to commence the district is completing the recruitment and selection process for the new teachers and administrators who will be joining the Shrewsbury Public Schools. The hiring process officially started in February when the district advertised its known and anticipated vacancies. Due to the budget uncertainties associated with the overall fiscal climate, the hiring process started a bit later than in normal years. The teacher selection process in Shrewsbury is rigorous.

The process includes interviews with principals, department directors, teachers, parents and central office administrators. Administrative positions include a site visit to the school/district of the candidate as well. All teaching positions also require a demonstration lesson in the classroom. The demonstration lesson is a key ingredient in the selection and hiring process. Following the demonstration lesson the students in the classroom are provided an opportunity to provide feedback to the principal or department director.

Our new hires represent staff associated with the continued enrollment growth in Shrewsbury, including the opening of a second middle school. The additional space also allowed the district to reduce class size at the middle school level and at several elementary schools. Our new staff will also replace teachers who have retired, resigned, or who are on a leave of absence. In addition, the district's success in securing grants to supplement the town-appropriated budget has provided for additional hiring.

The new staff represents a blend of experienced educators as well as recent graduates who are beginning their careers. Among the new hires are 21 individuals who worked in the district last year as either a long-term substitute, instructional aide, substitute teacher, or student teacher. We also have several new teachers who are entering teaching after having had successful careers in business and industry. Our new hires received their degrees from 68 colleges/universities.

In addition, well over one-half of these individuals are entering the district with a Master's Degree or above. In addition to our new teaching staff we are pleased to include a listing of the new administrative staff. Many of these individuals have worked in the district and are assuming these new leadership roles.

There are a small number of positions that are in various stages of being filled as this article is being prepared. At press time we have confirmed the hiring of the following 89 individuals. We welcome the following new staff.

## Newly Appointed Administrators

**Riitta Bolton**, Assistant Principal, Sherwood Middle School, B.S. Worcester State College; M.Ed. Lesley College

**\*Daniel Costello**, Principal, Sherwood Middle School, B.A. University of Massachusetts – Amherst; M. Ed. Salem State College

**Norman Danielson**, Assistant Principal High School, (Interim), B.A. University of Massachusetts – Amherst; M. Div. Yale University

**Jennifer DiFrancesca**, Director Social Studies, Shrewsbury High School, B.A. Colby College; M.Ed. Rutgers University

**\*Patricia Holloway**, Director, K-12, Visual Arts, B.S. Indiana University of Pennsylvania; M.Ed. Indiana University of Pennsylvania; C.A.G.S. Bridgewater State College.

**Ann Jones**, Social Studies Curriculum Coordinator 5-8, B.A. St. Anselm College; M.Ed. Worcester State College

**Patricia Lambert**, Director, K-12, Literacy, B.S. Worcester State College; M.Ed. Lesley College

**Jane Lizotte**, Principal, Spring Street School, B.A. Providence College; M.Ed. Lesley College

**\*Patricia Padilla**, Assistant Principal, Flo-

ral Street School, B.A. Clark University; M.A. Clark University

**\*Elizabeth Schaper**, Assistant Principal, Oak Middle School, B.S. Fitchburg State College; M.Ed. Harvard University; C.A.G.S. University of Massachusetts – Amherst

**\*Barbara Swidler**, Mathematics Curriculum Coordinator 5-8, B.A. Boston University; M.Ed. Boston University

**Anne Wentzell**, English / Language Arts Curriculum Coordinator (interim) 5-8, B.A. St. Anselm College; M.Ed. Anna Maria College

**Cynthia Wilson**, Science Curriculum Coordinator 5-8, B.S. Emporia State (Kansas); M.Ed. Fitchburg State College

## Newly Appointed Teachers

### Beal Early Childhood Center

**Katie Cornacchioli**, Kindergarten, B.S. Keene State College

**Jennifer Miller**, Kindergarten, B.S. University of Connecticut; M.S. Wheelock College

**Mary Peloquin**, Reading Specialist, B.S. University of Vermont

**Cara Winters**, Kindergarten, B.A. College of the Holy Cross; M.Ed. Lesley University

### Floral Street

**Kirsten Abel**, Title One Reading, B.S. Westfield State College

**Molly DiFrancisco**, Grade 2, B.A. Fairfield University; M.Ed. University of Massachusetts – Lowell

**Michelle Jackson**, Grade 2, B.S. University of Connecticut; M.A., University of Connecticut

**Annie McNamara**, Special Education - ABA Coordinator, B.A. Westfield State College; M.S. Simmons College

**Lee Ann Saccone**, School Nurse, B.S. University of Massachusetts – Amherst; M.S. University of Massachusetts – Worcester

**Holly Scavone**, Grade 4, B.A. Clark University; M.A. Clark University

**Kerry-Anne Ward**, Grade 2, B.A. Framingham State College

### High School

**Lori Blasioli Arpin**, Mathematics, B.S. University of Massachusetts – Amherst

**William Cobb**, Mathematics, BSME, Rochester Institute of Technology; MBA, Clark University

**Rebecca DeMattia**, English, B.A. Salve Regina University

**Donna Ferris**, Health, B.S. Bridgewater State College; M.S. / C.A.G.S. Springfield College

**David Hruskoci**, Science, B.S. Ball State University (Indiana); M.A.T. Columbia University

**Jennifer Hurley**, English, B.A. Assumption College

**Ned Jackson**, Social Studies, B.A. University of Richmond; M.A.T. University of Richmond

**Catherine Mains Bradley**, Foreign Language, B.A. University of Illinois; M.S. Northern Illinois University

**Amy McIntosh**, Social Studies, B.A. Clark University; M.A. Clark University

**Kelli McSweeney**, Special Education, B.S. University of Massachusetts – Amherst; M.S. Simmons College

**Melissa Nattinville**, English as a Second Language, B.A. Boston College; M.A. Clark University

**Linda Ryan**, Science, B.A. Chemistry, College of the Holy Cross; M.B.A. Syracuse University; M.Ed. University of Massachusetts – Lowell

**Sarah Schmidt**, English, B.A. Brigham Young University

**Rachel Sugal**, Science, B.S. University of Massachusetts – Amherst; M.S. University of Massachusetts – Amherst

**Greta van der Linden**, Social Studies, B.A. Assumption College

**James Wilcon**, Health / Physical Education, B.S. University of Rhode Island

**Karen Wolfson**, Science, B.S. Carnegie Mellon University; M.S. Carnegie Mellon University

### Oak Middle School

**David Ahlin**, Social Studies, B.A. Worcester State College; M.Ed. Worcester State College

**Kate Bedard**, Grade 8 English / Language Arts, B.A. Worcester State College

**Mark Brennan**, Social Studies, B.A. Worcester State College

**Jo-Ann Buckley**, Grade 7 Mathematics, B.S. Worcester Polytechnic Institute

**Lawrence Corcoran**, Instructional Technology, B.S. Framingham State College; M.A. Lesley University

**Kara Early**, Health / Physical Education, B.S. Springfield College

**Kara Hadavi**, Mathematics, B.S. University of Miami

**Joseph Lijoi**, Grade 7 Mathematics, B.S. Southeastern Massachusetts University

**Sarah Lividini**, Art, B.A. University of Pittsburgh; M.Ed. University of Pittsburgh

**Jennifer Micarelli-Webb**, Drama / Music, B.A. Wagner College; M.A. Emerson College

**Stacey Militello**, Science, B.A. Brandeis University; M.Ed. Fitchburg State College

**Kristen Mineo**, School Adjustment Counselor, B.A. Central Connecticut State University; M.A. Assumption College

**Jason Pontecelli**, Grade 7 Social Studies, B.S. Fitchburg State College

**Sean Quinn**, Special Education, B.A. University of Massachusetts – Amherst; M.Ed. Fitchburg State College

**Carole Rawson**, Grade 7 Social Studies, B.A. Assumption College

**Simer Suri**, Grade 7 Mathematics, Women's University (India)

**John Waraksa**, Technology Education, B.S. Case Western Reserve University; M.B.A. State University of New York – Buffalo

**John Young**, Grade 8 English / Language Arts, B.A. Assumption College

### Parker Road

**Maria Keegan**, Speech / Language Pathologist, B.S. University of Massachusetts – Amherst; M.S. Worcester State College.

**Melissa Lucente**, Pre-School, B.S. Northeastern University

### Paton

**Judi Bohall**, Library Media Specialist, B.A. Roberts Wesleyan College (NY); M.L.S. State University of New York at Buffalo

**Mary Beth Leifer**, Grade 4, B.S. College of St. Rose (NY)

**Bryan Mabie**, Grade 1, B.S. Worcester State College

**Joan Matys**, Grade 2, Long Term Substitute. B.A. Wheaton College; M.Ed. Lesley University

**Rachel Correia**, Grade 4, B.A. University of Massachusetts – Amherst

**Mary DeMoss**, Grade 4, B.A. University of Massachusetts – Amherst; M. Ed. Lesley University

**Lindsey Fraher**, Grade 2, B.A. Boston College

**Suzanne George**, Music, Bachelor of Music, New England Conservatory; Master of Music, University of Southern California

### Sherwood Middle School

**Karen Binder**, Grade 5 Language Arts / Social Studies, B.A. Colby College

**Elizabeth Blash**, Grade 5 Language Arts / Social Studies, B.A. University of Massachusetts – Amherst

**Cathleen Burke**, Physical Education, B.S. Hofstra University; M.A. State University of New York - Stony Brook

**Karen Cappucci**, Special Education, B.A. Worcester State College; M.A. Assumption College

**Stephanie Collins-Rankin**, Drama / Music, B.A. Salem State College

**Lorry D'Ascanio**, Grade 6 Language Arts / Social Studies, B.S. Worcester State College

**Agostino DeBaggis**, Grade 6 Math / Science, B.S. Bridgewater State College

**Varsha Desai**, Grade 5 Math / Science, *New hires, see page 8*

## Shrewsbury adult education-Fall session

Our Fall session begins October 5th. Anticipated course offerings: knitting English as a second language, gardening, cooking (multiple courses), French, computers (multiple courses), parenting, art and many more.

Registration begins on September 1st. Look for our new catalog at the following locations: Shrewsbury Public Library, all public school offices, town offices and local business and on the Web at [www.shrewsbury-ma.gov/schools](http://www.shrewsbury-ma.gov/schools).

## Housing Starts

March-7  
April-3  
May-10  
June-10  
July-3

**Condos**  
March-1 June-1

## Radio City Christmas spectacular starring the Rockettes in Boston

Join the Shrewsbury High School Alumni Association for a fundraiser to support the Student Grants Program at Shrewsbury High School.

Date: Thursday, December 23  
bus leaves from Shrewsbury High School at 6pm, show starts at 8pm.

Price: \$90 including ticket and bus transportation. Checks only, Make payable to SHS Alumni Association. Limited seating-purchase your tickets early!

For Rockettes ticket order form: visit [Shrewsburyalumni.org](http://Shrewsburyalumni.org), fill out and mail in the downloadable form with your payment. Contact Mary Rose Casey at 508-755-3922 or [maryosecasey@townisp.com](mailto:maryosecasey@townisp.com)

## School contact list

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<b>Paton School</b>	. . . . .	.841-8626
<b>Floral Street School</b>	. . .	.841-8720
<b>Spring Street School</b>	. .	.841-8700
<b>Parker Road Preschool</b>		.841-8646
<b>Sherwood Middle School</b>	. . . . .	.841-8670
<b>Oak Middle School</b>	. . .	.841-1200
<b>Shrewsbury High School</b>		841-8800
<b>Shrewsbury Public Schools</b>	. . . . .	.841-8400
<b>Special Education</b>	. . . .	.841-8660
<b>Extended School Care</b>	. .	.841-8727
<b>Food Service</b>	. . . . .	.841-8819